SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0025] (the Brief Description of the Drawings) with the following amended paragraph:

**[0025]** The present invention is further described in the detailed description which follows, in reference to the noted plurality of drawings by way of non-limiting examples of preferred embodiments of the present invention, in which like numerals represent like elements throughout the several views of the drawings, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective exploded view of the carrier and jamb according to the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the sash clip according to the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a side schematic view of the carrier and sash clip engaged with each other;

Fig. 4 is a side schematic view of the carrier with a balance attached thereto;

Fig. 5 is a top plan schematic view of the carrier inserted into the jamb;

Fig. 6 is a side schematic view of the sash clip affixed to a window sash;

Fig. 7A is a schematic partial view of a window with the carrier in locked position, with the carrier and sash clip engaged with each other;

Fig. 7B is a sectional top plan schematic view of the window sash installed in the jamb of Fig. 7A;

Fig. 8 is a schematic partial view of a window with the carrier in locked position, with the carrier and sash clip disengaged from each other;

Fig. 9A is a schematic partial view of a window with the carrier in locked position, with the carrier and sash clip disengaged from each other, and with the window sash moved laterally toward one jamb;

Fig. 9B is a sectional top plan schematic view of the window sash moved laterally toward the jamb of Fig. 9A; ~~and~~

Fig. 10 is a sectional top plan schematic view of the window sash in a pivoted position; and

Fig. 11 is a schematic partial view of a window with the carrier in locked position, with the carrier and sash clip disengaged from each other, and with the window sash moved laterally toward one jamb, according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0031]** The carrier 10 also has a window sash support portion 32 having a pair of prongs 34 extending from the slidable ~~portion 20~~ portion 26, each prong 34 having a hook portion 36 at the distal end thereof. As shown in Fig. 4, a balance 38 (shown in hatched lines) is secured to the carrier 20 by inserting the balance between the prongs 34. The other end of the balance (not shown) is affixed to the window frame 14. The balance 38 exerts a biasing force in the upward direction (*i.e.* toward the top of the sheet of Fig. 4), and a nut, pin or enlarged section 40 is affixed to the distal end of the balance to prevent disengagement of the carrier 10 and balance. The enlarged section has a diameter larger than the distance between the prongs 34, thereby

biasing the carrier in the upward direction. To facilitate the connection of the balance 38 to the carrier 10, the window sash support portion 32 of the carrier has a recess 54 (shown in Fig. 3) configured to capture the enlarged section 40 therein, to prevent the sliding of the enlarged section along the length of the carrier prongs 34. It is noted that while the balance 38 shown in Fig. 4 is a spiral-type balance, it is readily apparent to those skilled in the art that block-and-tackle tilt-type balances, as well as other types of balances may be used in conjunction with the present invention. Such a configuration is advantageous over the prior in that it allows at least either spiral or block-and-tackle tilt type balances to be used in the carrier without substantial modifications thereto.

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0035]** To lock the carrier 10 in place, the carrier (and window sash 18) is moved along the jamb 12 such that the carrier aperture 62 aligns in registry with the jamb recess 58. Once aligned, the carrier pin 64 is inserted through the carrier aperture 62 into the jamb recess 58, thereby securing the carrier 10 (and window sash 18), preventing the carrier 10 (and window sash 18) from up and down movement in the axial direction Y. The carrier aperture 62 is surrounded by a reinforcement ring 70 (preferably integral with the carrier) to provide added support to the carrier when the carrier pin 64 is inserted into the carrier aperture 62. Additionally, the carrier pin 64 can be detachably stored on the carrier 10, while the window sash is in a movable position (*i.e.*, when the carrier is not in the locked position) to prevent the loss thereof. A ring 66 located on an end of the carrier pin 64 may be used for this purpose, or in alternative embodiments, a clip or other receptacle may be mounted on the carrier 10 for holding the carrier pin 54. In the embodiment shown in the figures, the a jamb recess 58 , carrier aperture 62 and carrier pin 64 make up the locking mechanism, although those skilled in the art will readily appreciate that in alternative embodiments, other types of locking mechanisms may be used. For example, rather than a jamb recess 58, a boss, slot, channel and the like may be used in the jamb, and rather than a ~~carrier pin 58~~ carrier pin 64 and carrier aperture 62, a built-in clip 164 (shown schematically in Fig. 11), spring-loaded pin, button or other removably protruding mechanism may be part of the carrier 10 to complementarily and removably engage at least one of the boss, slot, channel and the like of the jamb 12, and thereby lock the carrier 10 in place. As shown in Fig. 7B, in both the locked position and the movable position, the edges of the window sash 18 are each captured in a respective jamb 12. It is noted that in Fig. 7B is a sectional top plan view showing the window sash 18, sash clip 16 and jamb 12; however, other details such as, *e.g.*, the carrier 10 and window glass are not shown for ease of understanding.